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AFRICA.

Report from Cape Town—Plague in the Colony—Examination of rodents for plague infection.

The following report on the outbreak of plague at King Williams Town is received from the medical officer of health for the Colony under date of September 30:

Week ended September 28.

Catheart.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital 2 cases remain under treatment.

King Williams Town.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. Seventy-nine rats (including 33 found dead) and 60 mice (including 13 found dead) were examined, of which 32 rats and 13 mice proved to be probably plague infected. One rat remains under bacteriological examination.

Of the 5 rats and 5 mice remaining under examination at the end of last week, 4 rats and 1 mouse proved to be plague infected and 2 mice probably plague infected.

Report from Algiers—Plague at Bon.

Information was received from the Department of State, November 9, of receipt of a dispatch from the consul at Algiers reporting the existence of plague at Bon.

Report on plague at Oran—Measures adopted to prevent spread.

Information is received from the Department of State, under date of November 6, that the following cablegram, dated October 17, has been received from the American ambassador at Paris:

The minister of foreign affairs informs me that several cases of plague were observed at Oran, Algeria, in the second fortnight of September. The cases confirmed after bacteriological examination numbered 5, of which 4 proved fatal—September 22, 24, 29, and October 7. These cases occurred among persons employed in the port and coincided exactly with a mortality of plague observed in rats. The most rigorous measures were concerted between the different local administrations to search for, examine, and destroy the animals. A special supervision is exercised in this respect on ships leaving the port. Individuals who are ill or who are suspects are immediately isolated.

October 11, a single patient remained under treatment in the isolated pavilion. The last entry dates back to October 6.

AUSTRALIA.

Plague at Cairns—Examination of rodents for plague infection at Brisbane and Sydney.

The following information is taken from plague bulletins issued by the department of health of Queensland and New South Wales and forwarded by Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne.

QUEENSLAND—Brisbane.—Week ended August 31. Rodents destroyed, 605; examined, 508; found infected, 1. Week ended Septem-